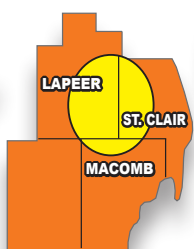


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IC Fire Department ladder truck damaged



The Imlay City Fire Department ladder truck, shown above, sustained over \$60,000 in damage at a recent Goodland Twp. fire. ICFD was one of 27 departments at the Pallets-N-More blaze.

Over \$60,000 in damage to truck at Goodland inferno

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — Anyone in the fire business can tell you, when it comes to firefighting apparatus and equipment, if it's red (or green) it's expensive.

Such is the case for Imlay City Fire Department's ladder truck, even at more than 30 years old.

Chief Keith Klobucar attended the city commission meeting last week and gave commission members an update on the aging ladder truck.

The rig was one of several ICFD trucks to respond to the recent historic pallet fire in Goodland Twp. that brought 27 fire departments to the scene.

The truck was set up at the scene in what turned out to be too close to the inferno that was putting out heat hotter than many veteran firefighters had ever experienced.

Chief Klobucar said he recently received an estimate from the city's insurance carrier for damage to the ladder truck totaling \$63,000.

All but a small deductible will be covered by the insurance company, according to City Manager Craig Horton.

"The truck is over 30 years old and we just spent money on it, before the fire," Klobucar explained. "At the fire, it was tremendously hot where we set up the truck and it sustained some damage to the windshield and other parts of the truck."

He added, "we had the ladder itself checked out and the repair company said it was still operational and that we are able to still have it certified."

However, the chief said he has taken the truck out of service until all repairs can be made.

The city had approved thousands of dollars worth of repairs to the truck earlier.

"The truck itself is still in decent shape (or was until the Goodland fire) and it is certainly worth fixing as opposed to getting rid of it," Klobucar told

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Six candidates vying for commission seats

Two commission members not seeking re-election

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — There will be a contested race for positions on the Imlay City commission this fall, following certification of the candidates.

Four seats on the commission are up this year, with two commission members, Joe DeLuca and Al Ramirez, choosing not to seek re-election.

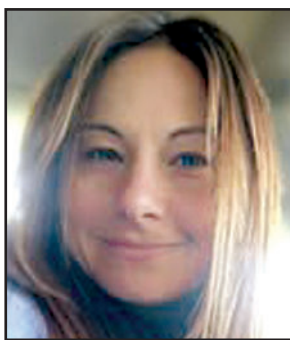
Ramirez has been a longtime member of the commission who was not afraid to express his opinion, even if it was not in line with what administration or the commission felt.

Two other current members, Barbara Yockey, who currently serves as Mayor, and Luke Stempien have terms expiring as well and have filed paperwork to seek re-election.

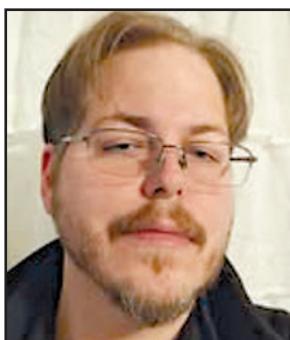
Imlay City Clerk Dawn Sawicki-Franz told the *Tri-City Times*, "The following candidates have had their City Commission petitions verified and their receipt of filings have been sent on the Lapeer County Clerk for the NOVEMBER 03, 2026 Election:

Those filing are Barbara Yockey, Luke Stempien, Mike Vermeesch, Paula J. Janda, Tara Marsh and Trent Schoonover.

The ballot language according to the City Charter reads: The three candidates receive



Tara Marsh



Trent Schoonover



Luke Stempien

ing the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years and the candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years, all such terms shall commence at the first regular or special meeting following the certification of the election results.

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Time for Main Street repair!!

After months, in fact years, of planning, delays, engineering work and seeking bids, the Capac Main Street repair project is underway. Construction crews from M. L. Chartier were on scene setting up barricades Monday morning, preparing for the beginning of removing the entire surface of Main St. on Tuesday, weather permitting. The complete rebuild of four blocks of Main St. will include new infrastructure, sidewalks and a new hard surface. The work is expected to take eight weeks.

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Imlay City street paving to begin

Next month, a number of streets in Imlay City, including the well-traveled S. Almont Ave. are scheduled to be milled and repaved, thanks to funding from a city street millage. DPW Supervisor Ed Priehs said paving will get underway in early August on streets including S. Almont Ave. (Railroad Tracks to I-69), Metcalf St. just north of Cheney, E. Borland Rd. (M-53 to Almont Ave.), W. Fourth St. (Almont Ave. to Blacks Corners). The Imlay City street millage is up and is on the ballot in August for a renewal. The city has approximately 17 miles of streets and roads and has paved approximately 10 miles with previous millage funds. The city would not have been in a financial position with its Street Funds to pave most of these streets without the millage funds.

Imlay City Summer Fest just around the corner

Three-day event has something for everyone

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — It's been a busy summer of festivals, fairs and fun and packed right in the middle of it all is the upcoming Imlay City Summer Fest.

The three-day event will fill downtown with plenty of action packed activities for all ages. The festival runs from Friday, August 7 to Sunday, August 9.

"We're excited for this year, said Summer Fest Co-Chair Vicki Sefcovic. "We've got many of the fun and exciting things coming back along with a few new things. It seems like we learn something new each year that we consider for the following year."

The fun kicks-off Friday night with the grand opening at 6 p.m. on the Main Stage. A good selection of food trucks will be available on Friday, from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Kids inflatables, kids games and free entry to the Skate Park (by the pool parking lot) are all free events.

A pet parade will take place at the intersection of 3rd St. and Main St. and what would a Summer Fest be without a pickle eating contest? That fun begins at 7 p.m. at the contest tent.

To cap off a busy first day of the festival, a daz-



Photo by David Fredrick

The popular Foam Party is scheduled to be back at the Imlay City Summer Fest this year, to the delight of young visitors.

day. Serving is from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Saturday is a jammed packed day with all sorts of special activities planned. Among the highlights are a second day of kids fun, a Foam party from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the kids' area, the Splash-Pad will be open and free to everyone, giant board games, a chalk drawing contest, a cornhole tournament and Big Wheel races are among the scheduled events.

perform on stage with musical entertainment.

The Big Parade will step off at 6 p.m. and head for the downtown area where hundreds of visitors will line the streets to see their favorite organization or float. Staging for the parade will take place at the Imlay City Middle School.

The parade route will go from east on First St. to north on Almont Ave., turning east on Fourth St. and north on Main St. to



Photo by David Fredrick

Whether it's the pie eating contest or the pickle eating contest, the competition is always serious. Pictured above, a contestant gets down and dirty with his blueberry pie, aluminum bowl and all.

zling fireworks display is set to light up the sky at the fairgrounds at 9:45 p.m., weather permitting.

If you haven't taken the time to check out the Imlay City Eagles Pancake Breakfast in other years, here is your big chance.

The Eagles do a great job of helping the community, and put on a fantastic breakfast on Saturday morning that will stick with you all

For those with a competitive spirit in them, another pickle eating contest and a pie eating contest are sure to please competitors and a cheering crowd. You can pucker up for the pickle eating contest at 11 a.m. and then come back a couple hours later, at 1:30 p.m. for the pie eating contest.

The Little and Junior Miss will take the stage at 12:00 noon followed by the Imlay City Dance team and the Jr. Spartan Dance team, both at 1 p.m.

Ben Traverse, Ryan and Friends and 3rd Degree Burns will all

Grove Ave. The parade will go west on Grove back to Almont Ave. and then south back to the Middle School.

The route is different than other years as it is not going down Third St. and the downtown district, rather one block further north on Fourth St.

Kids games and other special events for the younger ones highlight the action Sunday morning, beginning at 10 a.m.

The busy weekend comes to a close with the final event being a kids parade, with staging at the Main Stage at Lamb Steele at 2:15 p.m.

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Livestock sale sure to be a success

Eastern Michigan State Fair hits high gear

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

IMLAY CITY — The 2026 Eastern Michigan State Fair is in full swing and thousands of visitors have already been out to the fairgrounds, whether to see youth exhibits, grandstand acts, the midway rides or all three.

“We’re pretty well set to go,” said Fair Manager Ian Kempf on Monday afternoon. “We are getting vendors in the right places. Things are getting put in place. Animals have arrived and showing has already started. We’re looking forward to a great week at the fair.”

While the first few days of the fair have been packed with activities for everyone, the remaining days are sure to provide more of the same thrills and excitement, along with the popular Livestock Sale.

“We’re looking forward to another great sale this year,” Kempf said. “Our sales have grown every year post COVID and we are getting more and more animals every year, including this year.”

According to Kempf, “the kids are super excited to be showing their projects and have been working hard to get them ready for the fair. Now, it’s time to show off their hard work and excitement.

There will be a lot of proud parents, grandparents and friends watching the various shows and then on Thursday, we are expecting another big crowd for the livestock sale.”

Officials in charge of the livestock exhibits say there are near record numbers of everything from poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, beef and much more that will be competing for top honors and ribbons throughout the week.

“The buyers are great in supporting the kids, like they do every year,” Kempf said. “Whether its a family member or a business buying an animal, every one has been more than generous and it’s all to help the kids out. There’s nothing like seeing the smiles on the kids’ faces after showing their projects and of course, they get pretty happy after the sale too.”

The livestock sale gets underway around 1 p.m. after prospective buyers take part in a pre-sale luncheon near the sale barn.

For those who stick around after the sale, there will be plenty of entertainment in front of the grandstands when the Trailer Figure-8 event takes to the dirt track. Fair officials say the event has quickly become a popular addition to the fair in recent

years.

Friday night will bring a big crowd to the grandstand for the Bump-N-Run and Autocross races while Saturday night, the fair caps off a busy week at the grandstands with a high-spirited Demolition Derby competition.

All week long, Arnold Amusements are providing visitors with plenty of thrills and chills with rides and games of chance for all ages.

“We really enjoy working with Arnold’s,” said Fair Manager Ian Kempf. “They do just a great job of bringing in the rides and games and all that goes with the amusement park. We like to say we have one of the best amusement carnivals in this area for sure, but maybe in the state.”

Whether you like the view high above on a giant ferris wheel, the spinning action of the Tilt-A-Whirl, a wild and test-your-stomach ride on the Scrambler, or just enjoy a calm smooth ride on the carousel, there will be plenty of rides and thrills for all ages.

“It’s great to go to the fairs and festival meetings around the state and know we have Arnold’s lined up,” Kempf said. “They know exactly what we want, we’ve worked well together over the years



Photo by David Fredrick

Eastern Michigan State Fair Manager Ian Kempf addresses the crowd gathered at the Livestock Sale last year.

and we like to think we give our visitors a great time, whether it’s on the midway, playing games, eating fair food or enjoying the animals.”

Below is the remaining Youth Livestock schedule beginning Wednesday, July 29.

Wednesday, July 29
Horse – Jr and Sr. Pleasure Show, 11:00 a.m. (Horse Arena)
Beef Show, 10:00 a.m. (Walker Barn)

Thursday, July 30
Livestock Auction Lunch, 12:30 p.m. (Walker Barn)
Market Livestock Sale, 1:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)
Horse Skillathon, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

Friday, July 31
Livestock Judging Contest, 9:30 a.m. - Registration, 9:00 a.m. (Walker Barn)
Horse - Jr and Sr. Speed Show, 11:00 a.m. (Horse Arena)
Parade of Champions - 3:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)
Youth Exhibitor and Service Raffle - to fol-

low Parade of Champions (Walker Barn)

Sweepstakes
Showmanship Practice, 5:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)

Saturday, August 1
Rabbit Skillathon Contest, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (FFA Barn)
Horse Fun Show, 1:00 p.m. (Horse Arena)
Sweepstakes
Showmanship Contest, 6:00 p.m. (Walker Barn)
Announcement of College Scholarship Winners, Best Record Books for All Livestock

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Taxpayers able to cast their vote now

New tax request for Imlay Twp. for fire protection

By David Fredrick
Managing Editor

TRI-CITY AREA
— Voters in Lapeer County will be heading to the polls next week to determine the outcome of a number of proposals and other ballot questions.

Early voting started July 25 while the actual election day is Tuesday, August 4. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

If a new tax for Imlay Township passes, it would mean just under \$206,000 in the first year.

Ballot wording for a new tax, for Imlay Township is as follows:

PROPOSITION TO

AUTHORIZE A NEW MILLAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF 1.3 MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO IMLAY TOWNSHIP.

Shall the constitutional limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and personal property in Imlay Township be increased so that the Township Board of Trustees is authorized to levy an additional tax in an amount of up to 1.3 mills (\$1.30 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of such property) for a period of 5 years beginning with the levy made on



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Voters will be going to the polls in August to determine the outcome of several proposals, including one in Imlay Township asking voters to approve a new tax increase of 1.3 mills.



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IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the City of Imlay City, be authorized to levy an amount not to exceed 2.5000 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) as a renewal of the millage rate that expires in 2026, against all property within the City of Imlay City for a period of eight years, 2027 through 2034 inclusive, with the funds to be used to fund street and sidewalk improvements within Imlay City; and shall the City levy such millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year of the renewal an estimated \$364,000.00? Meanwhile, in Dryden, voters are being asked to consider a new additional tax for the township library.

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Dryden Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage annually in an amount not to exceed .1644 mill

(\$0.1644 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property in the Township for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining, and equipping the Dryden Township Library and for all other library pur-

poses authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year of levy (2026) is approximately \$52,000. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the Dryden Township Library.



Your are able to early vote if you'd rather avoid the crowds on Aug. 4th.

ALMONT DISTRICT LIBRARY LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the amount of 1.25 mill (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which has been reduced to 1.1699 mills (\$1.1699 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollback and restore and increase the millage to 1.25 mill (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of ten years

(2027 through 2036 inclusive), and levy the millage for the purpose of funding the operations of the Almont District Library so as to support the current level of library services, raising an estimated \$473,931.88 in the first year the millage is levied?

ALMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. The remaining .3594 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Almont Community Schools, Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Oakland Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 18.3594 mills (\$18.3594 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 8 years, 2027 to 2034, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and

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Attorney General Dana Nessel has directed police officers to protect voters’ rights throughout the election process and enforce election laws effectively. Also featured are resources on reporting AI-generated election misinformation, election administrator information, and election security.

“Every eligible Michigan voter has the right to cast their ballot safely and securely,” said AG Nessel. “Despite recent attempts to muddy the waters ahead of this election, Michigan’s voting rules haven’t changed since 2024. To help residents cut through the noise and stay informed about early voting periods, mail-in ballots, and state election laws, my office has put together this election protection webpage. We remain



Photo by David Fredrick

Four positions on the Imlay City commission will be up for grabs at the General Election in November. Current members Barbara Yockey and Luke Stempien are seeking re-election.

committed to safeguarding the right to vote and holding accountable those who try to intimidate voters or interfere with our electoral process.”

In other Clerk’s

Office news, Sawicki-Franz said the front office has a new employee that recently was hired and has hit the ground running.

“The new Imlay City Deputy Clerk/

Utility Biller’s name is Janet Pauli and she comes to the city with a great deal of office experience and is currently learning the election process and the state required trainings

for elections. She is also getting familiar with the city’s Utility Billing Program which includes water, sewer and garbage for our city residents. This is the only recent personnel

change within the City of Imlay City offices.”

The *Tri-City Times* will be running election articles detailing each candidate and what their platform is, in the coming weeks.



Courtesy photo

Voter tabulation machines will be busy on election day, August 4.

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18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$1,764,385 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

METAMORA TOWNSHIP POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR AUGUST 2026 BALLOT

Shall the previously authorized increase in tax limitation imposed under Article IX Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on General Ad Valorem taxes within Metamora Twp., Lapeer County, be renewed at 2.0756 mills with a new addition millage authori-

zation of 0.5 mills for a total authorization of 2.5756 mills (\$2.58 PER \$1,000 of taxable value for the period of 2026 through 2036, inclusive to fund a continuation of police protection by the Metamora Township Police Department; and Shall the township levy such total authorization of millage for such purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated amount of \$968,118?

LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall North Branch Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill (\$1.00 per each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which .9360 mill is a renewal of the previously authorized millages that

expires in 2027 and .0640 mill is new additional millage to restore the millage rate lost as a result of the Headlee Amendment millage reductions, against all taxable property in the Township for a period of ten (10) years, 2028 through 2037, inclusive, to provide funds for operating, maintaining, and equipping the North Branch Township Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year of levy (2028) is approximately \$156,000. The revenue from this millage levy will be disbursed to the North Branch Township Library.

Ladder:

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Commissioner Stu Davis who is a former firefighter himself.

“Especially seeing how this is not going to cost the city much money at all to get repaired. We will go through certifications again and make sure everything is good to go before we put it back on the road.”

Chief Klobucar also gave the commission on an update on the new truck that has been on order for several months.

“We expect to get it at the station sometime in August, maybe September,” the chief said. “We are going to make sure that everyone on the department is comfortable with operating and driving it before we put it in service. It could be as late as October before it is responding to calls.”

The department has been unusually busy this year, according to the chief, with an increase in number of calls both within the city and in Imlay Township.

“We are going to have to sit down with the township and discuss

this. They (board) are aware the numbers are quite a bit higher than what was planned.”

The township pays for contracted services from the fire department, based on an average number of calls in the township annually.

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Blue-eyed chicory a favorite in the summertime

On this gorgeous, July morning under an aquamarine sky, I drive west on Seymour Lake Road through downtown Oxford toward Cook's Farm Dairy.

The untouched roadside blooms blue with chicory, my favorite, summer wildflower.

Like a mother, Queen Anne's Lace hovers over chicory's periwinkle eyes.

Indeed, this lovely flower named chicory, *Cichorium intybus*, deserves a more gracious common name than "coffeeweed".

This implies the root is used for coffee. The root also contributes to medicinal uses, the leaves and stems for food.

Ah, July! Your roadside bouquet in Oakland County's untouched landscapes also includes a yellow flower I guess could be St. John's Wort, which eases anxiety and depression.

Indeed, the visual presence of such wild beauty soothes the mind and soul.

Again, I slow my car along Seymour Lake Road where barns stand forlorn in fields of blooming wildflowers.

Again, I'm tempted to trespass and help myself to some flowers.

Yet, as my late husband said on one annual trip to Cook's for my lavender-lemon-honey ice cream order, "That would be trespassing."

Notably, this is my twenty-first summer to Cook's Farm Dairy with two large coolers in my trunk.

When I park beside the building where my



Iris Lee Underwood

ice cream history began, Tom, one of Cook's ice cream makers, promptly retrieves twenty-two cartons from a giant freezer.

"The first year we made this for you was 2005," Tom says.

He opens a carton, takes a plastic spoon from a jar the staff keeps handy, and offers me a taste of my ice cream.

"Mmmm," I nod with a smile. "That means this is your twenty-first year making my ice cream," I reply.

We fill my two coolers in less than a minute. I hand him my check.

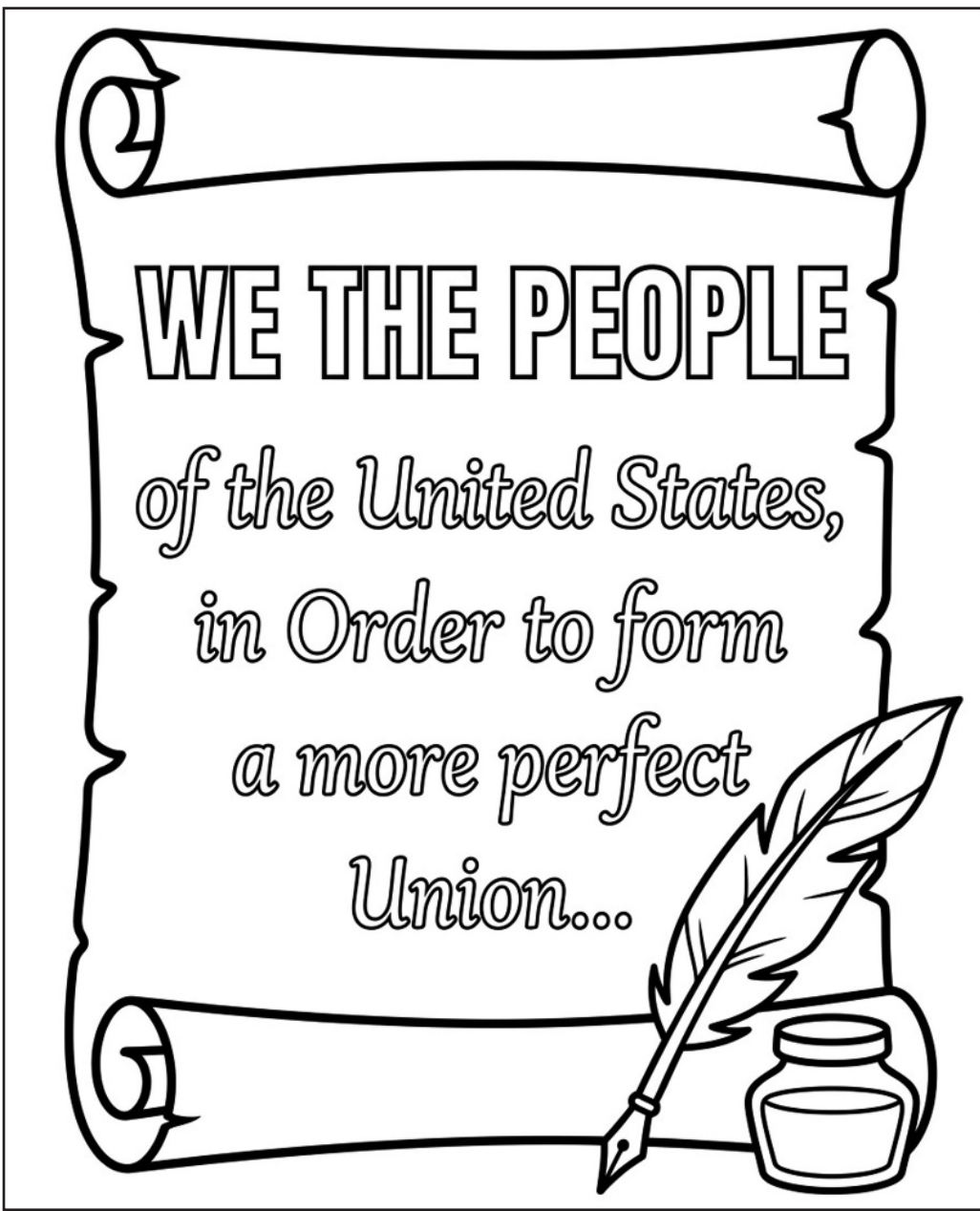
I'm on the road in another minute, pass the two abandon farms, adore the wildflowers again.

Yes, a month late this summer for numerous reasons, I at last drive home my annual order of twenty-two cartons of lavender-lemon-honey ice cream.

Dear Reader, indeed, I invested a few hours zesting lemons to produce one pint of lemon zest for this batch. And I ground lavender harvested from my field for the perfect blend of citrus and herb.

Again, I ponder the power and longevity of the vision to grow lavender over twenty-six years ago.

Contact Iris at iris-farmletters@gmail.com



What would a "More Perfect Union" look like in your opinion?

To Form a More Perfect Union

In a recent column celebrating America's 250th birthday, I talked about the U.S. Constitution, our charter of freedom establishing the federal government.

As everyone remembers, the preamble to the Constitution says, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...."

A more perfect union? What does that mean? What would a more perfect union look like? I asked numerous people and here are some of their replies.

Dave F. says, "A drastic improvement would be less vitriol in



Rick Liblong

the world. We see it every day, in the media, in people we deal with and in various forms of leadership. Personally, I doubt we will ever see a 'perfect union' - but a return to years gone by, where people are neighborly and help one another without conditions or expectation of receiving something in return, would be a good



George Washington presides over Constitution signing.

start. We have to make an honest effort to find the good in our neighbors. Our State. Our Country and the World. It's easy to point out the faults of others. Let's find the good in others and keep a 'more perfect union' as a purposeful goal."

Henry R. was succinct. "I'd say perfect is when everyone is heard and respected, even when they disagree."

Tim J., "How about one where elected officials put the good of the country and their constituents above party? A non-partisan judiciary that issues judgements based upon the Constitution, facts in evidence, where all citizens, regardless of sex or sexual orientation, race or ethnicity, recent immigrant or Mayflower descendent, have the same rights and opportunities, and an America that takes care of its elderly, uplifts its poor and underprivileged, educates its youth and provides essential healthcare for all."

Steve S. had a long list. "Decent housing for all; Reasonable income for all; True freedom of speech; No discrimination as to race, ethnicity or gender; Right to vote for all citizens; Citizenship for all those born in the United States; Capitalism, but quasi socialist as we are now, e.g., Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Unemployment benefits, Worker's Compensation, etc.; Universal health care; Freedom from religion; Right to not be under constant surveillance; Right to choose whether to give birth or not; Prohibition of excessive force by law enforcement; Reasonable limitations on firearms."

Ellen W. said, "The concept of a more perfect union might be bolstered by limiting the terms of the Supreme Court Justices. The sepa-

ration of powers isn't working all that well now. We also have to get out of our narrow silos so we really listen to each other and reach more common ground."

"If I had to describe a 'more perfect union' I would look to Lincoln who said 'a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.'" Dennis T.

Rich L., "Perfect would be less rhetoric and more talking intelligently and coming to a compromise."

"A more perfect union would include greatly improving/run schools, appreciate capitalism and don't vilify those who do well by it, appreciate and promote merit over equality, limit elected officials terms, fix our convoluted and too expensive health care system, stop being so selfish about everything and serve our country for a period." Thoughts of Lew. G.

Bruce K. thinks the following would lead to a more perfect union: "Age limits for all elected and appointed federal officials, including the Supreme Court, mandatory annual physicals and mental acuity tests for the same, a 'flat tax' rate for all citizens with no deductions or loopholes, a moratorium on any more federal holidays, a 'major' third party, elimination of the Electoral College, 1-2 years of mandatory 'public service' for all citizens reaching the age of 18, basic medical insurance for all citizens, serious federal campaign finance reform, phasing out of the Social Security system, a complete ban on individual citizens owning assault and similar military grade weaponry."

What do you think would make a "more perfect union"?

Contact Rick at dave@tri-citytimes.com

Mom was right; A Kohlrabi conversation story

Back in April I wrote about my dislike for exotic vegetables, specifically, kohlrabi. I wrote how my mom liked to grow various odd vegetables, which she included on everyone's plate in the month of July without asking the kids' opinions.

To quote myself, "Kohlrabi was another bizarre cruciferous root vegetable that appeared in various forms at breakfast, lunch, and dinner year after year. Mostly raw and crunchy, and might I add, weird-tasting. The rare times I see kohlrabi today I run. Does anyone actually like kohlrabi? Other than my mother?"

Apparently I need to rethink my position.

Last week my sister Sandy visited from Texas and we visited a roadside stand in Ogemaw County.

Kohlrabi was available for the bargain price of just 60 cents per bulb. For reasons I cannot fully explain, I bought one.

Maybe it was nostalgia or maybe I wanted to reaffirm my hate for this vegetable. Whatever the



Sharon Smith

reason, this green bulbous object came home with me.

That evening I cut it up and put it in a bowl. In addition to my sister Sandy, my niece and her husband were also visiting, and they had never seen nor heard of it.

They looked appropriately horrified as they glanced awkwardly at each other.

After reminiscing with Sandy about Mom's exotic vegetables craze, we bit in. Oh. My. Gosh. It wasn't actually bad. It certainly wasn't the awful thing I remember having to eat for breakfast.

Why should this matter? Because it got me thinking about a book I recently read, Think Again by Adam Grant. In this book, Grant discusses why we so often cling to outdated opinions, which we may not even realize are

outdated because they have become part of our worldview.

Grant argues that one of the most important skills we can develop is the ability to rethink - to be willing to question what we believe, admit when we are wrong, and be humble enough to change our minds.

In an interesting example, Grant tells of Wagner Dodge and how he survived the Mann Gulch Fire in a remote area of Montana in 1949. Dodge was the foreman of a crew of fifteen firefighters who were fighting a rapidly advancing wildfire.

As the flames grew closer and escape routes disappeared, Dodge realized they could not outrun the fire.

So he did something that seemed completely irrational. He started another fire.

He burned a small area of grass and then lay down, yelling at his crew to come into the area with him.

But they thought he was crazy and kept running. Only two made it to safety at the top of the mountain; the rest died. Wagner Dodge was willing to rethink the situation in the middle of a life-or-death race, and he came up with this novel idea of burning an area for safety, a tactic that has been used extensively since.

Furthermore, the entire incident caused the Forest Service to rethink their policy on fighting wildfires. They came to change their

practice of fighting every single wildfire out there.

They realized that some wildfires caused by natural phenomena should be allowed to burn.

Grant's point in the book is that rethinking things is something we need to do constantly.

This is especially true when we cling to ideas that we had earlier in life, when things were different.

We often don't even notice how things may change, but we remain entrenched in our original way of thinking. This is true for politics, beliefs, and relationships. Grant encourages humility as a pathway to thinking again, being humble enough to rethink and change our minds.

Maybe the idea we first refused to consider is worth rethinking. So there you have it folks. After decades of certainty, I have changed my mind. Kohlrabi is not that bad.

In fact, it might even be good. I might even plant some next summer. I can't believe I just wrote that.

About the Author: Rev. Sharon Smith is a pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, professor, writer, and lifelong vegetable critic. She has spent decades defending her position that kohlrabi was an unnecessary addition to anyone's diet, only to discover she may have been wrong all along.

Contact Sharon at dave@tri-citytimes.com

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Almont student among scholarship winners

LIFT Education Foundation gives 25 \$1,000 awards

DETROIT — The LIFT Education Foundation, operated by the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Institute (ALMMII), has announced the recipients of the inaugural "J. Michael Bernard Memorial Scholarship Advanced Manufacturing Careers", awarded to outstanding high school students preparing for careers that will strengthen America's advanced manufacturing workforce. The students gathered for an award ceremony and lunch at LIFT's Corktown Detroit headquarters.

Selected through a competitive application process, this year's award recipients have demonstrated academic excellence and a passion for innovation, problem-solving, and technology. With their dedication to hands-on experience and desire to continue their advanced manufacturing education, they are preparing to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the nation's manufacturing base through advanced manufacturing careers.

This year's scholar-

ship recipients include Landon Johnson of Almont High School who is pursuing a career and further education in Chemical Engineering

Other awardees from the area include: Corin Darbyshire, Lake Orion High School, pursuing Bio-Medical Engineering; Damian Saldana, Lake Orion High School, pursuing Bio - Medical Engineering; Dominika Romanik, Lake Orion High School, pursuing Chemical Engineering and Neil Haselton, Oxford High School, Mechanical Engineering

Established to honor the life and legacy of J. Michael "Mike" Bernard, a dedicated LIFT Board Member and leader across the manufacturing community, this scholarship supports students pursuing careers in advanced manufacturing, engineering, and skilled trades while helping remove financial barriers to education and training.

The program reflects the LIFT Education Foundation's commitment to developing the next generation of innovators, problem-solvers, and manufacturing leaders.

"These students represent the future of American manufacturing," said Dr. Robert Shaner, Chief Workforce Development officer at LIFT. "The J. Michael



Photo by Phil Foley

Spooks appear!

Costco, Menards and Dollar General have all gotten an early jump on Halloween decorations, as has this homeowner on South Lake George Road in Attica Township.

Bernard Memorial Scholarship honors Mike's unwavering commitment to innovation, education, and workforce development while investing in students who help shape the future of our nation's industrial base. We are proud to support these outstanding individuals as they pursue careers that will strengthen American manufacturing for generations to come."

Goodland Township Library hosts "Jurassic Joel's Magic Show"

GOODLAND TWP. — As a wrap up to our Summer Reading Program, the Goodland Township Library will host "Jurassic Joel's Magic Show" on Tuesday, August 4 at 4:00 p.m. Our favorite magician Joel Tacey will be here to amaze and amuse us with his tricks, illusions and wit. Everyone is invited to attend this family-friendly event but we do ask that you call the library in advance to reserve your spot. The library is located at 2370 N. Van Dyke (just north of Armstrong Rd.). Our number is 810-721-2110.

Imlay City PD weekly report

7/20/2026

W SECOND ST..... Family Trouble
S VAN DYKE RD&EB69..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
MAIN ST..... Juvenile
SEVENTH ST..... Family Trouble
S BLACKS CORNERS RD..... Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E THIRD ST..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
MAGNOLIA DR..... Ordinance Violation
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
E BORLAND RD&S CEDAR ST..... Traffic Stop
NORLIN DR..... Alarm

7/21/2026

S ALMONT AVE..... Assist Fire Department
S CEDAR ST..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
S BLACKS CORNERS RD..... Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST..... Traffic Stop
E THIRD ST..... Civil Matter
S CEDAR ST..... Alarm

7/22/2026

S CEDAR ST..... Operating Under the Influence
S CEDAR ST..... Welfare Check
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD..... Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE&E SECOND ST..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST..... Citizen Assist
E FIRST ST&S ALMONT AVE..... Traffic Stop
MAPLE VISTA ST..... Traffic Complaint / Abandoned Auto
NEWARK RD..... Welfare Check
NEWARK RD..... Welfare Check
S ALMONT AVE&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
HICKORY LN..... Fraud
TOWNSEND DR..... Citizen Assist

7/23/2026

W THIRD ST..... Family Trouble
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
W THIRD ST..... Intimidation
W FOURTH ST&N BLACKS CORNERS RD..... Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
NEWARK RD..... Assault/ Battery
S ALMONT AVE..... Family Trouble
E THIRD ST&N ALMONT AVE..... Medical Assist
W FOURTH ST..... Citizen Assist
DIRGO ST..... Medical Assist
S CEDAR ST..... Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST..... Harassing Communications
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD..... Traffic Stop

7/24/2026

N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD..... Traffic Stop
W IMLAY CITY RD&BOSKER LN..... Traffic Stop
N CEDAR ST..... Traffic Offense
S. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
N. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
S CEDAR ST..... Traffic Stop
S BLACKS CORNERS RD&W BORLAND RD..... Traffic Stop
SHAGBARK LN..... Citizen Assist
N. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
CHENEY ST..... Animal Complaint
N VAN DYKE RD&BURNSIDE RD..... Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant
S CEDAR ST..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
N CEDAR ST..... Citizen Assist
E BORLAND RD&S CEDAR ST..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
E THIRD ST..... Civil Matter
N ALMONT AVE..... Citizen Assist
S CEDAR ST&E BORLAND RD..... Traffic Stop
S ALMONT AVE&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST&NEWARK RD..... Traffic Stop
ENGLE ST..... Citizen Assist

7/25/2026

3RD AND MAIN..... Property Check
E FIFTH ST..... Family Trouble
S CEDAR ST..... Traffic Stop
N. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
MIDWAY..... Property Check
S. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD..... Traffic Stop
MAPLE VISTA ST..... Medical Assist
S ALMONT AVE&E BORLAND RD..... Traffic Stop
BANCROFT ST..... Assault/ Battery
S. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
S CEDAR ST..... Juvenile
NORLIN DR..... Property Check

7/26/2026

MIDWAY..... Property Check
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD..... Traffic Stop
S CEDAR ST..... Property Damage Traffic Crash
HANDLEY ST..... Cruelty/Neglect
W BORLAND RD..... Found Property
SHAGBARK LN..... Juvenile
E BORLAND RD..... Civil Matter
N CEDAR ST&E CAPAC RD..... Traffic Stop
S. CEDAR ST..... Property Check
N CEDAR ST..... Citizen Assist
MIDWAY..... Property Check

Obituaries

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~ James "Jim" Carreras, 59 ~

James "Jim" Carreras, age 59, of Lapeer, Michigan died Thursday, July 23, 2026 at his home surrounded by his loving family. James Cecil Carreras was born February 11, 1967 in Flint, MI. He is the son of Cecil and the late Judy Ann (Lewis) Carreras. Jim grew up in Swartz Creek, MI and is a graduate of Swartz Creek High School. Jim continued his education at Ohio Diesel in Cleveland, Ohio where he earned a degree in



Mechanical Engineering. He married Sharon Smith on August

17, 2020 in Hartland, Michigan.

Jim worked as an experimental mechanic for General Motors in Pontiac and Milford, Michigan, for 30 years.

Jim was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Imlay City, MI.

Above all else, Jim was a devoted husband, father, and family man who found his greatest joy in seeing those he loved happy. Some of his most treasured memories were made during

two fishing trips to Alaska with his wife, father, and daughters. An avid hunter and conservationist, Jim also possessed extraordinary mechanical ability and excelled at building and repairing. Jim was an extremely generous and loving man, with a positive outlook on life.

Jim is survived by his wife: Rev. Sharon Smith of Lapeer, MI; his father Cecil Carreras of Lennon, MI; his

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~ Barbara Louise Barron, 76 ~

Barbara Louise Barron, 76, of Gladstone, Michigan, entered into the presence of her Savior on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Barbara was born on December 5, 1949, in

Romeo, Michigan, to Howard Rudolph Falker and Marjorie Elsie (Kiehler) Falker. She graduated from Romeo High School in 1968 before earning a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Teaching from Michigan State University and a

dual Masters Degree in Education and Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Barbara lived a remarkable life marked by courage, conviction, and unwavering faith. At age 30, she enlisted

in the United States Army, where she earned recognition as a sharpshooter. She later moved to Alaska to teach school, where her adventurous spirit led her to purchase and operate a fishing boat.

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Town Talk

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For Senior Citizens

Almont-Dryden area seniors will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at the Almont Lions Hall. For info, call 810-798-8210.

Gentle Yoga Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. at First Congregational Church in Almont. Practice led by Dina Miramonti, RYT.

The Berlin Township Senior Center is open every Tuesday for cards, games and socializing. Doors open at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch or a dish to share. Refreshments provided. Potluck luncheons are the fourth Tuesday of every month at noon. For information call 395-4518.

Free Meals, Food

Free food distribution at West Berlin UMC SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM West Berlin UMC905 Holmes Rd., Allenton, MI 48002. Volunteers are always welcomed - please arrive around 8:00 AM. Funding from 4 County Comm. Foundation, St. Clair County Comm. Foundation, FBEM, Mich. Conf. UMC, many local businesses and individuals.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Imlay City. Food for Families is offering meal and pantry Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The First Congregational Church of Almont's Food Pantry is available Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. by appointment only. To

make an appointment, call the church at 810-798-8855.

The Attica Methodist Church will be holding a free community meal on Tuesdays following Food Pantry of each month from 4-5:30 p.m. For more info please call 810-724-0690 or visit our Facebook page.

The Attica Food Pantry at the Attica Methodist Church, 27 Elk Lake Rd., is open from 12:30-3 p.m. the second Monday and 3-5 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month. Open to Lapeer County residents only.

Imlay City First Congregational Church's food pantry is open Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. for residents of the Imlay City School District. The Pantry is closed when Thursday falls on a holiday. The church is located at 275 Bancroft Street in Imlay City. For more information, please call 810-724-6207 or send an email to fccic5thand-bancroft@gmail.com Please contact FCC if you would like to know how to donate food to support the food pantry. Always needed are: peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, juice, canned meat, cereal, soup, crackers and pasta sauce. Monetary donations can be sent to: First Congregational Church, 275 Bancroft Street, Imlay City, MI 48444. Earmark your donation to "food pantry."

Orchards' Cupboard Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of every month 9-11 a.m. Food distributed at 74903 McKay Rd., Bruce Twp., 586-336-4673. www.orchardsonline.org.

If you are looking for something unique to do on a Saturday, the Imlay City Historical Museum could be a place to visit. Throughout the summer, from June thru

November, vernece Biggers' American Indian collection of dolls and other items are being displayed at the Museum on S. Main St., from 1 to 4 p.m. each Saturday. The display is a lifelong labor of love by Bigger.

The Imlay City Historical Museum is closed for the months of January, February and March. Opening is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026 with new exhibits. See you in the spring and please consider supporting the museum with your membership. Also, like us on Facebook or leave a message there. Also, watch the Facebook page, the member newsletter or local press for announcements.

The Attica Township Museum is located at 4350 Peppermill Rd., behind the township offices. The museum is open Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are welcome.

The Almont Community Historical Society Museum is open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. Please stop by and learn about your community. Society meetings are held at the museum on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Capac Historical Society is open Saturdays 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., May-September or by appointment. Call 810-395-2859 for more info.

The Dryden Historical Society's Depot. Please call Chris at (810) 577-5786 for an appointment. But if the train lights are flashing - someone's there. Come see us!

Support Groups

Grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Join us at Grief Share. Weekly grief support group. Tuesdays, July 7 - September 29, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Amazing Grace

Church of Imlay City, 210 N. Almont Ave., Imlay City, MI 48444. For more information, contact Pastor Gary Bird at 810-724-0687 or by email at office@imlaycityamazinggrace.org. You can register at griefshare.org/findagroup

TOPS 620 LAPEER has a new meeting room. Trinity Methodist Church 1340 N. Main Street, Lapeer. Weigh-in 6 p.m. Information: call Nancy 810-796-3467

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings are held every Saturday at 10 a.m. at West Berlin United Methodist Church, Allenton.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings are held every Monday night at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Imlay City.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Al-Anon meetings are held every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. at the Capac United Methodist Church, Capac, MI.

Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault meets 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday in the Lapeer Court House for personal protection order clinic. For info 810-667-4193.

Fundraisers

The Imlay City VFW Auxiliary 2492 are collecting bottles and cans to help with memberships. Drop them off in front of the Imlay City VFW at 598 N Almont Ave, Imlay City, MI 48444. For more info call Roberta at 810-656-7725.

Events

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FREE CORN ROAST at Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church 4538 Dryden Road Dryden on Saturday, August 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free corn on the cob, hot dogs and desserts, car show, games, face painting, music, garden tours, hayrides, and more. Please join us.

Join us for a Soaring Eagle Casino Bus Trip Wednesday, September 23, 2026, for tons of fun! All participants must be 18 and over. Departing from North Branch from the parking lot at the corners of Lincoln and Mill Streets at 9:00 a.m. so please arrive 15 minutes prior. Your ticket will include premium play, dining credit and bingo bucks. Any questions or to purchase tickets call or email Mary Jane at 810-614-6605 or maryjwalker56@yahoo.com. Payments must be received by August 19 and is not refundable unless your ticket can be resold. Sponsored by North Branch Chapter 149 OES.

Other

Are you interested in improving your English speaking and listening conversational skills in fun and meaningful ways? Two sessions to practice your English conversational skills! The morning session is held on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am. The evening session is on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 pm. Held at the Family Literacy Center at 311 Higgins Street, in Lapeer. Please call the Family Literacy Center at 810-664-2737 or email ican@readlapeer.org for more information.

Stepping Out Steps (S.O.S) 12 step program/12 Pasos programa. Available in English or Spanish. Teaches individuals what the Bible says and how to incorporate it step by step into their daily lives to be an overcomer. This class is opened to the public every Thursday evening 7 p.m. at First Apostolic Church, 859 N. Vandyke Rd., Imlay City. For more info call or text Sister Mary E 586-746-5765 or Brother Dalton Oliver 810-542-0566.

Do you know an adult who wants to get their GED or improve their reading or math skills? The Family Literacy Center offers FREE tutoring and support. Participants can earn their GED at NO COST. Tutoring is provided through trained volunteers and lessons are customized for each student. Contact the Center for more information at ican@readlapeer.org or 810-664-2737.

Club News

Grocery Bingo play has just resumed at the Lapeer Center Building with a new coordinator. It will be held weekly

on Wednesday nights starting at 6 PM and is open to everyone. For details on the bingo, call John at (810) 664-2109.

MEAT BINGO at Berville Lions Hall, 13651 Hough Rd, Berlin. 1st Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. 15 meat packages; 50/50 drawing, last game is winner take all. Refreshments available for purchase.

American Legion Memphis Bingo is held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. A light dinner is also served at intermission. Snacks are available for purchase. 34330 Bordman Rd, Memphis Contact Susan Oldham for more information at (810) 300-4561.

American Legion Memphis, 34330 Bordman Rd, Memphis. Euchre is held every Friday. Start time is 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost at door. For more information contact Susan Oldham at (810) 300-4561.

The St. Clair Kennel Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at an area restaurant. Check www.stclairkc.org for times and locations. Info on shows, trials, and activities with dogs is on their website and facebook page. New members welcome.

The Quilters in Training Quilt Guild meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 109 East Kempf Court, Capac. For more information, call 810-310-2114.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of Imlay City, Post 2492, 598 N. Almont Ave. (Fairgrounds Rd.) Overseas Veterans Meetings 2nd Thursday, every other month, 7 p.m.; Post Meetings 1st Thursday every month, 7 p.m., unless holiday then next week; Auxiliary Meetings 1st Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.

Almont/Dryden Masons meets 7 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month at Masonic Center in Almont.

The Imlay City American Legion Post 135 meets the second and last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The post is located at 212 E. Third St. New members welcomed. Contact them at 810-441-0792.

The Capac American Legion, located at 115 N. Main St., meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. New members welcome. For more information, call 810-395-7250.

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Obituaries

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~ Barbara Lorraine Nagy, 81 ~

Barbara Lorraine Nagy, 81, a lifetime resident of Imlay City, MI, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at home with family by her side. She was born Barbara Lorraine Mott on January 10, 1945, in Almont, Michigan, and was the daughter of the late Albert and Lillian (Kloc) Mott. Barbara married Jerry Nagy on September 26, 1964, in Imlay City. Jerry died on June 19, 2026, after 62 years of marriage.

Barbara was a 1963 Imlay City High School graduate and continued her education at Port Huron School of Practical Nursing where she graduated in 1964. Barbara enjoyed her career in nursing which spanned over 30 years. She had worked at Lapeer General Hospital, Knollwood Clinic, Suncrest Care Facility, and Lake Orion Nursing Center before her retirement in 1996.

Barbara enjoyed gardening, reading, relaxing next to a bonfire, and, most of all, spending time with her family and friends.

Barbara is survived by: her daughters, Kelly (Rob) Cramer and Kimberly (Mike) Keesler; son, Kurt (Stephanie) Nagy, all of Imlay City, Michigan; grandchildren, Michael Nagy, Matthew Nagy, Audrey Keesler, William Keesler, Sam Makedonsky, Zack Makedonsky, and



Ashley Northrup; three great-grandchildren; her sisters, Betty Cummings, Margie Wangler, Ann Ragatz and Cathy Stoin, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by: her husband, Jerry Nagy; and four siblings, Elsie (RJ) Campbell, Ed Mott, Leonard Mott, and infant brother, Jerry Mott.

A service is not planned at this time. Those wishing to make memorial contributions may direct them to: The Care Team, 5401 Gateway Center Blvd., Suite D, Flint, MI 48507. Checks may be made out to: The Care Team Hospice Foundation.

Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home, 225 N. Main Street, Imlay City. Please be sure to sign our online register at www.muirbrothersfh.com to share condolences and memories with the Nagy family. No services are scheduled at this time.

~ Virginia "Ginnie" Thomson, 51 ~

Virginia "Ginnie" Thomson, age 51, of Allenton, passed away July 18, 2026. Memorial service to be held at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday,

August 1. Visiting hours will be Thursday, July 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Friday, July 31 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. For further details, please visit: www.youngcolonial.com

Carreras:

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brother, Jack (Erin) Carreras of Brighton, MI. He is also survived by children Hannah (Nathan Ansbro) Huff of Clarkston, MI and Faith (Caleb DeVries) Huff of Howell, MI; Scott (Sara) Huff of Columbus, Ohio, Andrew (Celia) Huff of Holly, MI, Craig (Cara) Huff of Quincy, MA; and Andrew Carreras of Columbiaville, MI; nephew, Luke; niece, Lila; and grandchildren, Noah, Harper, Henry, Hudson, and Hayes.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Judy Carreras.

Memorial services were held on Monday,

July 27, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 200 N. Cedar St., Imlay City, Michigan. Reverend Dr. Donald Kreiss, Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod, officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Roof Fund or St. Paul's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 200 N. Cedar St. Imlay City MI 48444.

Arrangements were entrusted to Muir Brothers Funeral Home of Imlay City, 225 N. Main Street, Imlay City, MI. Please be sure to sign our online register at www.muirbrothersfh.com to share condolences and memories with the Carreras family.

Alma Margaret Laarman, age 89, of Lapeer, Michigan (formerly of Imlay City), died Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Alma was born August 3, 1936, in Ogemaw County, Michigan to Arthur and Helen (Hiller) Hiltz. She married the love of her life, Len Laarman on June 2, 1969, in Lapeer. Alma's career with A&P Grocery Store spanned 36 years. She was head cashier and eventually retired in 1995 with the title head bookkeeper. She was very proud of her career as well as being a very gifted bookkeeper and beloved coworker at the store. Alma was an active member of St. Matthews Anglican



Church in Lapeer. In her spare time Alma loved gardening and the occasional trip to Soaring Eagle Casino. She really enjoyed baking cookies for other people. Above all, Alma enjoyed simple moments with her family.

Alma is survived by her children: Kim

Kingsbury, Kelly Laarman, Karen (Wally) Northrup and Kolleen (Jim) McVeigh; sisters: Peggy Makedonsky of Lapeer and Judy (Gary) Grimes of Gladwin; grandchildren: Jeremiah Kingsbury, Joshua (Sarah) Kingsbury, Ethan (Taner) Kingsbury, Katie McVeigh, Kathy (Jesse) Allen, and Nathan (Jordan) McVeigh; great grandchildren: Hayle, Sienna, Eli, Ivan, Jayden and Jayleigh. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Alma was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Cynthia Laarman; granddaughter, Ashly Kingsbury; husband, Len Laarman; brothers: Phil Hiltz, Paul Hiltz

and Pete Hiltz; son-in-law, Steve Kingsbury as well as her aforementioned parents, Arthur and Helen.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2026, at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer. Alma's funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, Pastor Colleen Dewey will officiate. Interment will follow immediately at Arcadia Township Cemetery, Lum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to St. Jude Children's Hospitals or the American Cancer Society. Condolences and memories may be left at www.MuirBrothersLapeer.com.

~ Viola Joy (Vincent) Pisariuk, 95 ~



ried for 70 years and raised three daughters in Imlay City before moving to Lapeer in later years. They had a winter home in Zephyrhills Florida, where she enjoyed laying out by the pool, and chatting with the neighbors. Together, they attended functions at the Zephyrhills Clubhouse,

where everyone said they were the best dancers and were comical together, with George being 6'3" and her being 5'2".

Viola (AKA Vi, Odie), enjoyed decorating for the holidays and dressing up for Halloween. As a social butterfly, she was the life of any party. If there was music, she was dancing. In her final days, she brought humor and feistiness to those that were caring for her, leaving behind fun and bittersweet memories. Viola was very sentimental, and if you ever gave her a gift during her life, she probably still has it!

Viola is preceded in death by her parents, John and Hazel Vincent, husband, George, brother Darold Vincent and grandson, Jason

Schwerin. She leaves behind three daughters, Linda (Larry) May of Attica Mi, Karen Pisariuk of Zephyrhills Fl, Annette (Al) Schwerin of Fountain Valley CA; four grandchildren, Chad (Diane) Ulrick, Leah May, Fallon (Jon) Grapentin, and Maria Schwerin; nine great-grandchildren, sister-n-law Pauline Vincent, Nephews; Troy (Dawn) Vincent & Todd Vincent.

As per her request, she has been cremated and no immediate services are being planned. Viola loved colorful flowers. Please consider planting something in your own garden in her memory. Memorial donations may be made to Paradise Rescue, 2266 N. Lapeer Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446

Barron:

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Though her experiences were many, Barbara's greatest calling would ultimately become serving Christ and investing in her family.

On October 3, 1992, Barbara married Robert "Bob" Barron in Cheboygan, Michigan. Together they made their home on the Barron family cattle farm near Gladstone, where they built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work. Barbara spent many years teaching home economics in public schools before serving as a substitute teacher throughout Delta County. When her children came along, she chose to devote herself fully to raising and educating them, faithfully homeschooling them and instilling in them a love for learning, a strong work ethic, and, above all, a love for the Lord.

A gifted homemaker, Barbara was known for her exceptional baking, sewing, gardening, and creativity. She even designed and sewed her

own wedding dress. She delighted in sharing the harvest from her garden, homemade baked goods, and the love of Christ with everyone she met. Though she spent her early years in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, she proudly became a happy Yooper and embraced the Upper Peninsula as home.

Barbara's deepest passion was her walk with Jesus Christ. She faithfully ministered alongside Bob through Berean Baptist Church in Soo Hill, where together they sought to share the Gospel and disciple others. For eighteen years, she also blessed residents of Christian Park Center by faithfully playing the piano during Saturday morning services. Her quiet faithfulness, servant's heart, and love for Scripture left an eternal impact on countless lives.

Above every accomplishment, Barbara treasured her family. She delighted in watching her children and grandchildren grow, praying faithfully for them, encouraging them, and pointing them toward

Christ.

Barbara is survived by her devoted husband, Robert "Bob" Barron of Gladstone; her children, Mitchell (Emily) Barron of Lake City, Wesley Barron of Escanaba, and Tucker Barron of Escanaba; her beloved grandchildren, Viola, Eleanor, and Winston Barron; her siblings, Howard (Karlene) Falker, Beverly (Craig) Nyeholt, and Mark (Robin) Falker; as well as many dearly loved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard Rudolph and Marjorie Elsie Falker.

A memorial service

celebrating Barbara's life will be held on Saturday, August 1, at 1:00 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church, 4677 18th Road, Escanaba, Michigan. A livestream of the service will also be available at St. John's Lutheran Church, 214 Benjamin Street, Romeo, Michigan, for family and friends in the Lower Peninsula.

The Barron family extends their heartfelt gratitude for the many prayers, kindnesses, and expressions of love shown during this time.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." - Proverbs 31:28

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All-Area girls' track team chosen

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

TRI-CITY AREA — No matter what the circumstances, these athletes could be counted on to come through when needed.

Here is a look at who earned a spot on the 2026 edition of The Tri-City All-Area girls' track team and the credentials they amassed along the way:

Name: Shaylynn Schaefer
School: Capac
Year: Junior
Event: High jump
Best effort: Schaefer cleared 4 feet 3 inches en route to a second at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional on Friday, May 15.

Top finishes: She took second at a Division 4 regional in



Dryden's Caila Fitchett (R) was a Tri-City Times All-Area first team selection in the 300-meter hurdles.

Dryden and obtained an eighth at the Brown City-based Green Devil Invite.

Name: Keira Smith
School: Capac
Year: Junior
Event: Long jump
Best effort: Smith leaped 14 feet 2 1/4 inches en route to a sixth at the Vassar-based Hurd Invite on April 24.

Top finishes: She earned a first at the Green Devil Invite in Brown City; generated thirds at the Harbor Beach-based Big Thumb Conference Black Division League Meet and a Division 4 regional in Dryden; plus provided a sixth at the Vassar-based Hurd Invite.

Name: Jenna Huskey
School: Capac
Year: Sophomore

Event: Shot put
Best effort: Huskey uncorked a toss measuring 28 feet 1 1/4 inches for third at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional on Friday, May 15.

Top finishes: She took third at a Division 4 regional in Dryden; collected sevenths at the Harbor Beach-based Big Thumb Conference Black Division League Meet and Green Devil Invite in Brown City; placed ninth at the Marlette Invite; plus added a 10th at the C-PS Tiger Invite.

Name: Ava Klink
School: Capac
Year: Senior
Event: Discus
Best effort: Klink threw the discus a distance of 109 feet 2 inches en route to sixth Saturday, May 30 at the Division 4 state finals in Hudsonville.

Top finishes: She collected firsts at the Brown City-based Green Devil Invite, C-PS Tiger Invite, Big Thumb Conference Black Division League Meet in Harbor Beach and Dryden-based Division 4 regional; took second at the Marlette Invite; registered a fourth at the Brown City Invitational; placed sixth at the Division 4 state finals in Hudsonville; plus added an eighth at the Caro-based Thumb Meet of Champions.

Name: Alex



Capac's Ava Klink competes in the discus during a meet this past spring. Klink took fourth in the event at the Div. 4 state finals.

Robinson
School: Imlay City
Year: Sophomore
Event: 100-meter dash
Best effort: Robinson supplied a time of 12.93 seconds for second at the Caro-based Thumb Meet of Champions on Tuesday, May 26.

Top finishes: She obtained seconds at the BWAC League Meet in Armada, Bad Axe-based Hatchet Invite and Thumb Meet of Champions in Caro; generated a third at the Marysville-based Blue Water Meet of Champs; placed fourth at a Division 4 regional in North Branch; contrib-

uted an eighth at Tri-County Invite; took ninth at the Shake Off the Rust Invite in Davison; furnished a 10th at the Davison Twilight Classic; plus provided an 18th at the Elmer Ball Oxford Invitational.

Name: Serena Evola
School: Almont
Year: Sophomore
Event: 100-meter hurdles
Best effort: Evola registered a clocking of 19.42 seconds en route to fifth Tuesday, May 5 at the BWAC League Meet in Armada.

Top finishes: She was fourth at the Dryden-based Cardinal Classic; pulled up fifth

at the BWAC League Meet in Armada; claimed 10ths at the Marlette Invite and Lapeer County Press Meet in North Branch; obtained a 23rd at the Davison-based Shake Off the Rust Invitational; and furnished a 27th at the Davison Twilight Classic.

Name: Lola Battaglia
School: Almont
Year: Senior
Event: 200-meter dash
Best effort: Battaglia posted a blistering time of 27.32 seconds for first at an

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Almont's Melina Campbell (back row fourth from left) helped Tri-Valley Twisters 15U softball squad take first at a tournament in Frankenmuth recently.

Campbell helps team to top finish

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — The Tri-Valley Twisters 15U softball squad, which counts Almont's Melina Campbell among their ranks, took first place at a tournament in Frankenmuth recently.

The team got their tournament run underway Saturday, July 18 with an 11-2 win against Bolts 16U Menzo.

Later that day, Tri-Valley Twisters picked up an 8-2 triumph against Intruders 16U.

They then followed it up Sunday, July 19 with a 12-0 triumph against Krash Young 16U; a 10-8 win over Bolts 16U Menzo; and a 10-0 victory against Richmond Blues 16U.



Almont's Melina Campbell (center) competed against Almont's Anna Debczak, Kali Tencza, Grace Michael and Vivian Asaro, playing for the Richmond Blues at a tournament in Frankenmuth recently.

Bruman receives All-GLIAC honors

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City's Chloe Bruman ended her debut campaign with the Davenport University women's softball team recently.

She hit at a .322 clip, thanks to 36 singles and one triple in 115 at bats.

Bruman also contributed 25 runs, 17 walks and two RBI to Davenport University's cause.

In addition to that, the freshman outfielder

wound up 75 putouts and five assists while committing just three errors. That left her with a .964 fielding percentage.

Bruman completed the 2026 campaign as an All-GLIAC honorable mention pick.

Davenport finished the season with a 17-38 overall mark, including a 12-18 league showing which was good for sixth place.



Bruman

Peter helps Trine to a third place

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

DRYDEN — Former Dryden High School standout Sophia Peter placed three times for the Trine University women's track team at the MIAA Outdoor Championships recently.

The meet was contested April 30-May 1 at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

Peter, a sophomore, joined forces with Aniyah Small, Ariana Todd and Emma Heintzelman to rank third among 400-meter relay entries. They registered a clocking of 48.93 seconds en route to a third.

Her next best show-

ing came in the 100 dash. There she posted a time of 12.58 seconds, paving the way to a fifth.

In addition to that, Peter wound up sixth with a 200-meter clocking of 26.13 seconds.

Calvin University won the meet with 258 points. They were followed by Hope College (234 points), Trine University (151), Albion College (45), Adrian College (41), Alma College (36), Olivet (32) and Kalamazoo College (20).



Peter



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Almont-based Blue Water Area Conference meet which also included Yale, Armada and Cros-Lex on Tuesday, April 14.

Top finishes: She took fifth at the Blue Water Area Conference League Meet and added a ninth at the Shake Off the Rust Invite in Davison.

Davison; plus generated a 14th at the Hudsonville-based Division 4 state finals.

Name: Taylor Stanczak

School: Almont

Year: Sophomore

Event: 400-meter dash

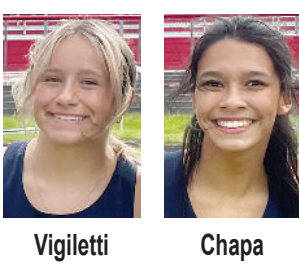
Best effort: Stanczak generated a 1:03.94 time for fourth at the North Branch-based Lapeer County Press Meet on Friday, April 24.

Top finishes: She supplied a third at the

On Track Meet in Marlette and at a Division 4 regional hosted by Dryden High School; registered a fourth at the Marlette Invite; garnered a 17th at the Shake Off the Rust Invite in Davison; placed 22nd at the Hudsonville-based Division 4 state finals; plus added a 25th at the Davison Twilight Classic.

Name: Cara Prusakiewicz

School: Dryden



Annual Cardinal Classic in Dryden and at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional; took ninth at the Shake Off the Rust Invite in Davison; placed 13th at the Hudsonville-based Division 4 state finals; plus added a 20th at the Davison Twilight Classic.

Team: Shaylynne Schaefer, Keira Smith, Ava Thorner and Mylla Vigiletti.

School: Capac

Years: Junior, junior and freshman.

Event: 400-meter relay

Best effort: A Capac team of Shaylynne Schaefer, Keira Smith, Ava Thorner and Mylla Vigiletti posted a time of 58.63 seconds en route to a fifth at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional on Friday, May 15.



School: Dryden

Years: Senior, senior, sophomore and senior.

Event: 1600-meter relay

Best effort: A Dryden lineup of Mallory Barker, Cara Prusakiewicz, Claire Wright and Caila Fitchett logged time of 4:48.66 en route to first at the Big Thumb Conference Blue and Red Division League Meet it hosted on Tuesday, May 12.

Top finishes: Dryden's squad claimed firsts at the Dryden-based Big Thumb Conference League Meet and Get On Track Meet in Marlette; collected a second at a Division 4 regional in Dryden; plus provided a 27th at the Hudsonville-based Division 4 state finals.



meter hurdles; Alex Robinson, Imlay City, 200-meter dash, Serena Evola, Almont, 300-meter hurdles; Shannon Zangara, Almont, 400-meter dash; Laila Evola, Almont, 800 and 1600-meter runs; Claire Wright, Dryden, 3200-meter run; Dryden's 400-meter relay of Olivia Zellers, Arianna Romain, MaKayla Mater and Karley Phillips; Dryden's 800-meter relay of Karley Phillips, MaKayla Mater, Olivia Zellers and Mallory Barker; Almont 1600-meter relay of Serena Evola, Shannon Zangara, Taylor Stanczak and Charlotte Verougstraete; and the Almont 3200-meter relay of Laila Evola, Serena Evola, Shannon Zangara and Charlotte Verougstraete.



Imlay City's Alex Robinson (L) and Almont's Lola Battaglia (R) battle it out in a race this past spring.

Name: Caila Fitchett

School: Dryden

Year: Senior

Event: 300-meter hurdles

Best effort: Fitchett notched a clocking of 49.66 seconds en route to a 14th Saturday, May 30 at the Division 4 state finals in Hudsonville.

Top finishes: She claimed firsts at the Marlette Invite, Brown City-based Green Devil Invite, Fourth Annual Cardinal Classic in Dryden; Dryden-based BTC Blue and Red Division League Meet; furnished a second at a Division 4 regional in Dryden; furnished a third at the Marlette-based Get On Track Meet; placed sixth at the Davison Twilight Classic; registered an eighth at the Shake Off the Rust Invite in

Fourth Annual Cardinal Classic in Dryden; provided a fourth at the North Branch-based Lapeer County Press Meet; placed fifth at the BWAC League Meet in Armada; took sixth at a Mount Clemens-based Division 3 regional; wound up seventh at the Blue Water Meet of Champions in Marysville; registered a 13th at the Marlette Invite; and added a 27th at the Davison Twilight Classic.

Name: Claire Wright

School: Dryden

Year: Sophomore

Event: 800-meter run

Best effort: Wright managed a 2:38.76 clocking en route to a second Friday, May 15 at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional.

Top finishes: She claimed seconds at Get

Year: Senior

Event: 1600-meter run

Best effort: Prusakiewicz recorded a time of 5:46.76 for second at the Brown City-based Green Devil Invite on Tuesday, May 5.

Top finishes: She placed first at the Marlette Invite; provided a second at the Green Devil Invite in Brown City; generated thirds at the Dryden-based Big Thumb Conference Blue and Red Division League Meet and a Division 4 regional in Dryden; provided a 15th at the Davison-based Shake Off the Rust Invite; plus added a 27th at the Davison Twilight Classic.

Name: Cara Prusakiewicz

School: Dryden

Year: Senior

Event: 3200-meter run.

Best effort: Prusakiewicz logged a school record-setting 12:13.21 clocking en route to a second at the Fourth Annual Cardinal Classic Friday, May 8 in Dryden.

Top finishes: She furnished a first at the Marlette Invite; claimed seconds at the Fourth

Top finishes: Capac's lineup obtained fourths at the Green Devil Invite in Brown City and the Harbor Beach-based Big Thumb Conference Black Division League Meet; and added a fifth at a Division 4 regional in Dryden.

Team: Isabella Chapa, Ava Thorner, Mylla Vigiletti and Shaylynne Schaefer.

School: Capac

Years: Freshman, junior, freshman and junior.

Event: 800-meter relay

Best effort: A Capac squad of Isabella Chapa, Ava Thorner, Mylla Vigiletti and Shaylynne Schaefer registered a clocking for 2:01.45 for second Friday, May 15 at a Division 4 regional in Dryden.

Top finishes: A Capac lineup took second at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional; generated fifth at the Green Devil Invite in Brown City and the Harbor Beach-based Big Thumb Conference Black Division League Meet; and tacked on a 26th at the Division 4 state finals in Hudsonville.

Team: Mallory Barker, Cara Prusakiewicz, Claire Wright and Caila Fitchett.

Team: Claire Wright, Lilyana Lasher, Ella Gustner and Cara Prusakiewicz

School: Dryden

Years: Sophomore, sophomore, freshman and senior

Event: 3200-meter relay

Best effort: A Dryden lineup consisting of Claire Wright, Lilyana Lasher, Ella Gustner and Cara Prusakiewicz raced to a clocking of 11:08.36en



Claire Wright helped Dryden's 3200 relay earn Tri-City Times All-Area first team honors this past spring.

route to a first at a Dryden-based Division 4 regional on Friday, May 15.

Top finishes: A Dryden squad took first at a Division 4 regional it hosted; claimed seconds at the Green Devil Invite in Brown City, Marlette Invite and Fourth Annual Cardinal Classic in Dryden; supplied a fifth at the Vassar-based Hurd Invite; placed 10th at the Davison Twilight Classic; furnished a 14th at the Shake Off the Rust Invite in Davison; plus added a 21st at the Hudsonville-based Division 4 state finals.

Second team- Olivia Zellers, Dryden, high jump; Aubrey Dundas, Imlay City, long jump; Samantha Miodowski, Almont, shot put; Jenna Huskey, Capac, discus; Lola Battaglia, Almont, 100-meter dash; Payton Hintz, Imlay City, 100-

Capac, 100-meter hurdles; Molly Wilkey, Dryden, 100 and 300-meter hurdles; Payton Hintz, 300-meter hurdles; Claire Wright, Dryden, 400-meter dash and 1600-meter run; Grace Sample, Imlay City, 400-meter dash and 800-meter run; Cara Prusakiewicz, Dryden, 800-meter run; Ella Gustner, Dryden, 800 and 1600-meter runs; Charlotte Verougstraete, Almont, 800-meter run; and Laila Evola, Almont, 3200-meter run.

Coach of the Year- For directing his team to a top Division 4 regional finish; a second at the Fourth Annual Cardinal Classic in Dryden; as well as a third at the Big Thumb Conference Blue and Red Division League Meet it hosted, Dryden Coach Matt Cherry earns Tri-City Times All-Area Coach of the Year accolades.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Dryden sophomore track standout Claire Wright generated a 2:38.76 clocking for the 800 run this past spring.

For her effort, Wright claims our Girls' Athlete of the Week honor.

Imlay City junior track standout Jovani Pena won the long jump at the BWAC League Meet recently.

For his effort, Pena earns our Boys' Athlete of the Week honor.

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Imlay City Coach Jonny Torres is pictured with Pamela and Emily Prado at their signing with the St. Clair County Community College women's soccer team.

Prado sisters are headed to SC4

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City's Pamela and Emily Prado signed their respective letters of intent with the St. Clair County Community College women's soccer program recently.



Imlay City's Pamela Prado looks to elude a Yale defender at the BWAC tournament.

Pamela Prado wound up with 22 goals this past season. In addition to that, Prado contributed seven assists to Imlay City's cause. Emily Prado amassed 14 goals for Imlay City during the

2026 campaign. She also provided Imlay City with 11 assists. The Prado sisters finished the year as All-Blue Water Area Conference first team selections.

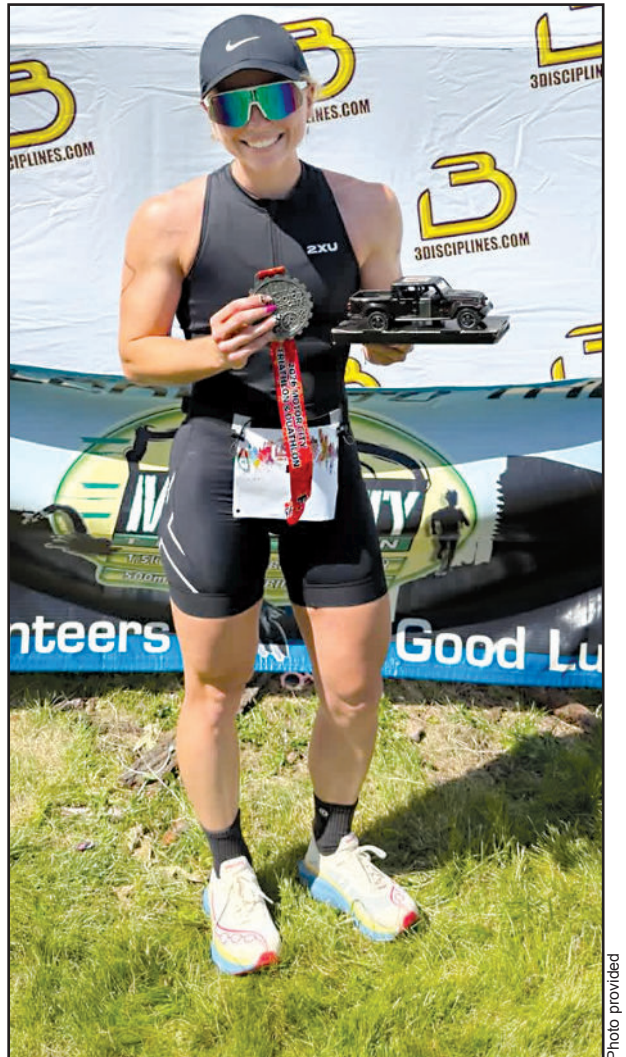


Imlay City's Emily Prado looks to head an incoming pass to a teammate during the BWAC Tournament this spring.

Arnold is second at Motor City Triathlon

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — Former Almont track standout Rebecca Measel, who went on to compete collegiately at U of D Mercy, turned in an impressive showing at the Detroit-based Motor City Triathlon on Saturday, June 21. She competed in the Olympic Triathlon event (1500 meter swim, 40 kilometer bike and 10 kilometer run) that day. It was there Arnold, who was making her triathlon debut, crossed the finish-line 2:28:45 after the race got underway, paving the way to a second overall. Stephanie Trepanier, of Windsor, Ontario, won the race, with a time of 2:19:23. Elk Rapids competitor Bethany Bartlett rounded out the top three overall finishers that day. She stopped the watch at 2:28:52.



Rebecca Arnold takes time out for a photo after claiming a second place overall finish at the Motor City Triathlon recently.



Imlay City standout Makenzie Craven signed her letter of intent with the Rochester Christian volleyball program recently.

Craven signs with Rochester Christian

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — Imlay City's Makenzie Craven inked a pact to become a part of Rochester Christian College's volleyball program recently. Craven, a 5-10 middle hitter, provided Imlay City with 108 kills, 57 blocks and 19 digs this past winter. Those numbers earned her a spot on The Tri-City Times All-Area second team lineup at season's end. In addition to that, Craven was an All-Blue Water Area Conference honorable mention pick. With her help, Imlay City's volleyball team posted a 34-10 overall mark.



Imlay City's Makenzie Craven connects on a shot at the net during a match at North Branch.

Imlay City set to host hoops event

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

IMLAY CITY — The Imlay City 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament takes place on Sunday, August 16. Age brackets are as follows and are for the grades the students will be entering for the

upcoming school year:
Third/fourth grade girls
Third/fourth grade boys
Fifth/sixth grade girls
Fifth/sixth grade boys
Seventh/eighth grade girls
Seventh/eighth grade boys
Ninth/tenth grade girls
Ninth/tenth grade boys
Adult 18-30 women
Adult 18-30 men
Adult 30-plus women
Adult 30-plus men
Teams have until August 1 to register.
For more info, email imlay3on3@gmail.com

Johnston places twice at track meet

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

ALMONT — Former Almont High School standout Devin Johnston registered a pair of placewinning performances for the Eastern Illinois women's track team at the Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Championships recently. The meet was contested May 14-16 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Southeast Missouri won the team title with 164 points. They were followed by Eastern Illinois (127.5 points), Tennessee Tech (113), Little Rock (99), Southern Illinois (63), SIU Edwardsville (62.5), Western Illinois (62), Lindenwood (39),

Morehead State (36), Tennessee State (27) and UT Martin (11). Johnston, a junior, wound up third in the 400-meter dash. It took her 55.89 seconds to accomplish the feat. She also joined forces with McKenna McBride, Ashlyn Denney and Analena Peterson for a fourth pitted against 1600 relay foes. They were timed in 3:48.31.



Johnston

Dryden grad places for Oakland track

By Kevin Kissane
Tri-City Times Sports Editor

DRYDEN — Olivia Reynolds, a graduate of Dryden High School, secured a placewinning effort at the Horizon League Outdoor Championships recently. The meet was held May 8-10 at the Elaine Leigh Track and Field Complex in Rochester, Michigan. The sophomore

teamed up with Lauren Goodman, A'Naia Herd and Lauren Walker to rank fifth among 1600 relay entries. They stopped the watch at 3:53.47. In addition to that, Reynolds pulled up 10th with a 400-meter

dash clocking of 59.48 seconds. Youngstown State (172 points) paced the field assembled. They were followed by Milwaukee (163.5 points), Robert Morris (126), Purdue Fort Wayne (79), Northern Kentucky (74.5), Oakland (70), Detroit Mercy (41), Wright State (37), IU Indianapolis (30) and Cleveland State (25).



Reynolds



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Capac street work begins

CAPAC — Work on the \$3 million rebuild of Main St. is underway with work expected to take eight weeks, weather depending. Crews were in the village early Monday morning, removing trees within the construction zone.

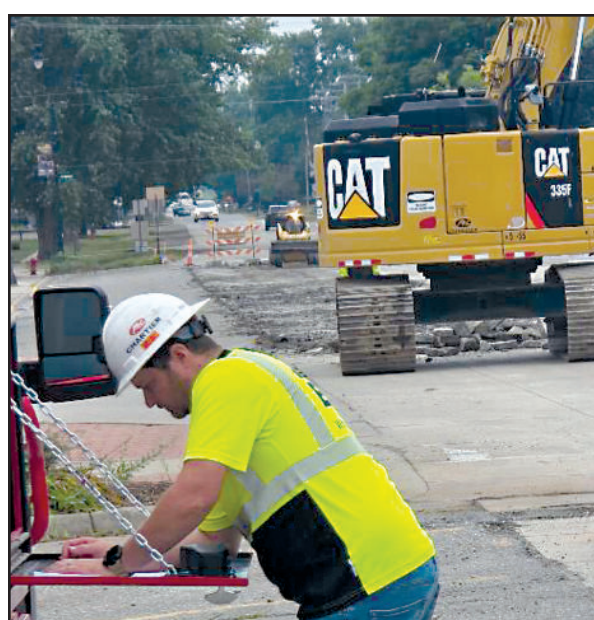
Equipment working for General Contractor M.L. Chartier moved in Tuesday and began removing portions of the road. Village Manager Travis Youatt said it is exciting to see the work underway finally.



Crews discuss the upcoming project.



Ten mature trees have been removed as part of the streetscape project in Capac. Officials say 60 or more trees will be planted.



A foreman for M.L. Chartier looks over paperwork from his work truck.



Heavy Equipment and large trucks were working on removing the old, decaying Main St. in Capac Tuesday morning.



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